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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE FIRST SELECTMAN

Dear Fellow Townspeople,

Let's look at what has been going on in our town.



The \$6.2 million school renovation is coming to a close. We have received \$1.5 million reimbursement to date. After punch list and final inspections our total reimbursement from the State of Connecticut will be near \$1.7 million. On June 26th we successfully sold \$4.5 million General Obligation bonds for our portion of the recent upgrades to Salem School. I want to thank all those involved with the renovation project. We "fixed what needed to be fixed," which included new roofing and insulation, window replacement, electric and plumbing upgrades, HVAC upgrades, code compliance issues and more. It was a sensible renovation that will serve our children for years to come. We have several neighboring towns that are struggling with proposed renovations of 25-40 million dollars. Our town followed a very sensible approach.

Additional work being done at the school includes a new telephone pole and underground conduit being installed for a new power line to the school. This important work was necessary after we had a failure in the old underground power lines last February.



We are also continuing with some finishing touches to our town center area. After reviewing the Plan of Conservation and Development of 2002 and again 2012, town residents consistently asked for a walkable, attractive town center area. This request was also reiterated in the 2010 Vision Statement.

In 2013 we invited the University of Connecticut Landscape Architecture Department to review and propose upgrades to our town center area. Some of the upgrades are being implemented this year as we continue to make our town center area more attractive, cohesive and walkable for our residents.



On the financial side, the Town of Salem is in good shape. Moody's Investor Services reviewed and assigned our town an A1 rating. This rating allowed us to receive a better than expected interest rate of 2.67% on our General Obligation Bonds.

We are currently in the midst of our 2013/2014 fiscal year audit. Preliminary figures show the General Government returning \$240,000 to the town's General Fund. With our School returning over \$55,000. I want to thank all departments for their fiscal responsibility with our townspeople's money.



The Public Safety Services Organizational Analysis has been presented and is available online at Salemct.gov. I believe Municipal Resources Inc. has completed a thorough analysis of our Public Safety Services and provided us with recommendations for us to consider and act on. Some of these recommendations can be implemented relatively quickly, while others will take some time to accomplish. These recommendations will enhance the safety of our volunteers and paid staff, as well as provide a more comprehensive approach to Public Safety to benefit our entire Salem Community.

I want to thank all the dedicated volunteers who give so much of their time and talent to make our town of Salem a better place to live.

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CONNECTICUT'S VANISHING MILESTONES

By John D. McDowell

As the Autumn foliage disappears from the countryside and before the Winter snows arrive, the observant traveller may note the seasonal reappearance of those familiar landmarks along our roads and highways. They are the survivors of some 600 such stones put there back in the last of the 18th century and the early part of the 19th to mark the measured mile to the County Courthouse in the era when the county town was the administrative center of local affairs. The press of “progress” and the attrition of time has decimated their numbers and today they are vanishing footnote to history.

Previous to the Enabling Act of 1767 of the Colonial General Court, predecessor to the General Assembly, and prior to the advent of the Turnpike companies, a “heap of stones” was the usual indicator of a known distance, as well as, a guide to curves in the road. Crude as these curves were nevertheless, they were objects of pride to the townsfolk, and to the stranger they seemed as reassurance that he was on a passable road to somewhere. Acceding to the demands of the travelling public for more orderly road markings the law of 1767 was passed and conditions improved even though very little was done about it until the rush for highway franchises by the newly organized turnpike companies, circa, 1801 precipitated plantations of stones all over the State.

The 1767 Statute “ordering that milestones, at least two feet height, be set up by the Selectmen of the towns near the side of the common travelling roads and on the Post roads in every County marking the distance to the County town” proved to be merely funds declaratory of the intent of the General Court as no funds were appropriated for its implementation. The generality of the enactment left the final detail to local tastes and fancies and rule of uniformity, other than the “two feet high” and the measured mile was defeated from the outset. To revolutionary and non-conformist Connecticut this was an acceptable regulation. Everybody got into the act.

Quarried markers of every size, shape, cut descriptive inscription soon appeared along the highroad of the day. Rock was immediately at hand and every geologic stratu, be it igneous, meta-morphic or sedimentary, was used. However, the Connecticut sandstone, the famous brownstone, the hallmark of early 19th century mansions in New York, became the more suitable choice for the stonecutters and this type is seen more often than marble and granite landmarks, but so-called fieldstone was also employed whenever the situation warranted. This transition from the uncertain “heap of stones” to the regular milestone was undoubtedly a boon to the saddle-sore horseback rider, the weather-beaten stagecoach driver and the footweary itinerant as each struggled toward shelter and refreshment. It has not been an unmixed blessing to the latter day recorder, but the reconstruction of the

history of these relics of two hundred years ago is the object of this new census.

The most prolific planting of milestones probably occurred during the years, 1795-1840. The needs of the stagecoach companies and the newly-organized turnpike corporations for some more methodical basis of computing transit rates gave the impetus to the mileage marker and replaced the former town to town tariffs. The plantations were piecemeal, owing to the local option clause in the 1767 Law, and, wherever and whenever

the local town failed to place milestones, it was quite likely that the turnpike licensee would erect its own type at its own expense. In some areas where neither the selectmen nor the turnpike acted, some community groups put their own stones along the roads as status symbols. Milestones had come of age and they were important, yet the end was near as to their useful life. Public resentment to the feudal toll practices and the indifference to road maintenance of the turnpike corporations combined with the coming of the steam car and steamship decided the end of the former and the decline of the latter. From this time on the rugged symbol of the measured mile began to lose its own importance and to vanish from the public scene, but there are scores of them still resting on the original sites as steadfast reminders of their place in Connecticut history. The erosion by exposure to the four seasons during the past generations has defaced some, the attrition of time has ravaged others, but the disastrous floods and action of man and machines have brought about the greatest dispersal and removal from their ancient implacements.

Man and his machines can be absolved of blame, because it is the nature of the stones themselves that lies at the root of the mysterious disappearances. The piecemeal and peripatetic plantings led to the side choice of stone used, diversity in shape and disregard for an attempt at uniformity. Thus, there is no so-called Connecticut milestone in the sense that one would see

the same kind of mile marker throughout the State. If there is a Connecticut type of milestone, it would have to be of the red sandstone from the quarries around Portland, Connecticut. These are usually about 50 to 60 inches long with 28 to 30 inches above ground level. They are as a rule, 9 to 11 inches across the front and about 9 and 10 inches thick. The inscriptions vary from planting to planting. Some use Roman numerals, some have the Arabic with the “M” for miles and letters of similar size for the initials of the Courthouse or

The “13 Milestone N.L.” on Route 85 is a typical example of one of the vanishing markers

Town ahead. All milestones were put in on the right side of the road depending upon the direction of the County town. On some series the initial of the County town would be found at the top centre of the stone. On others it might be the number of miles inscribed in that top centre position. However, more often the information was all on a line midway between ground and top with the mileage at the left side, “M” next and then the initials of the particular County town.

This red sandstone, really a reddish brown, weight of about 475 to 550 lbs. and the part below ground level was buttressed by other rock to keep the stone erect and upright. It was not easily removed from the original site, unless a deliberate attempt was made to displace it. Floods caused some losses, otherwise it would require a blick and tackle operation.

Back in 1800 it was predictable that water seepage might cause some of these chunks of sandstone and granite to subside, but the effects of lateral vibration set up by the pounding of heavy traffic on the highways was entirely unforeseeable. During their useful period, no doubt, steps were taken to arrest the sinking process, but after 1850 and up to the present day their preservation has been left to individual exertions. The “13 Milestone N.L.” on Route 85 is a typical example of one of the vanishing markers. This one has sunk to its inscription which is hardly visible to the naked eye. Others have disappeared forever, although some may be rescued one day. The “Milestone” now in the Old

State house Museum at Hartford was fortunately saved from submergence on its original site in East Hartford.

Over the years many of the taller and thinner stones were broken by accident and cast away, because no one recognized what they represented. Yet there is no record of any deliberate destruction. More often they were used to repair building foundations, since they were most suitable for such purpose and there must be numerous instances of such deployment.

The exigencies of road re-alignment, highway construction along the old turnpike and other relocation of the main stream of travel have been the greatest disruptive factor in the dislodgment of these ancient monuments, but many still remain on their former sites. It may be a revelation to most of our citizenry that in the face of inevitable extinction that the Connecticut State Highway Department has been the most constant and consistent protector and guardian of these old landmarks. Charged with the duty of creating new public roads and maintaining the old it has been the least heralded conservator of these historic roadside landmarks.

The Connecticut General Assembly has enacted legislation giving the Highway Commissioner authority to set milestones found during the construction of any highway which follows approximately the route of an ancient turnpike or highway.

So many of the milestones have been removed from their original sites for one reason or another that it is hard to foretell just where they are today. In sections of the State where super-highways or floods have overtaken the older roads, the educated guess is little help and the local resident remains better informant. Patriotic groups have saved some of the markers by imbedding them in some memorial to personages of early Connecticut. The Sabra Trumbull monument in Vernon, Connecticut marks the site of the “6 Mile, Tolland Courthouse’s” stone. The actual stone is preserved in the memorial, and there are others scattered about the State. The number of unrecorded individual conservators is legion and a genuine effort is now being undertaken to canvas the entire State to learn and acknowledge the location of these footnotes of the past.

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SALEM SCHOOL DISTRICT

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WKNL	1510	AM			

Emergency closings will also be posted on the Website (www.salemschools.org), sent via E-Alerts and through our Emergency Notification System (1-411-411-411).

We will continue with 2-hour delays to be consistent with the East Lyme School District and for transportation purposes. When Salem School operates under a 2-hour delay, school will begin at 10:40 am. The Pre-Kindergarten class will not be in session on delayed start school days.

For parents of Salem ELHS students: As a general rule East Lyme and Salem Superintendents will make similar decisions regarding delays and or closings. There are times that different decisions are warranted. Under these circumstances, please review the following information:

- If Salem delays and East Lyme does not, the ELHS transportation from Salem for Salem ELHS students will also be delayed.
- If East Lyme delays and Salem does not, the ELHS transportation from Salem for Salem high school students will not begin until after the Salem School students are delivered to school, which is approximately, 8:45 am. Families will need to plan their pick-up times according to where they are located on the bus route.
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SALEM'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

By Wendy Mikolinski, EDC member, and Frank Sroka, EDC chair

This article will describe some of the current activities the Salem Economic Development Commission (EDC) is working on to support its mission to (1) provide support and enhance the business climate for those businesses currently operating in Salem, and (2) identify and inform potential businesses who might consider locating in Salem of the unique opportunities and benefits Salem has to offer. The Commission currently consists of five regular members, with two vacancies for alternate members (to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen at their discretion).

- EDC is nearing completion of a total revision to an informational brochure that can be distributed to potential businesses as a way to interest them in locating to Salem. This brochure will contain information useful to business owners, such as the size and characteristics of the potential market that Salem and nearby towns represent. There will also be some basic information to identify important town resources and officials to contact, as well as connections to other web sites and sources of information provided by other sources, including the State of Connecticut. We hope to finalize this brochure over the next two meetings, after which we will present it to the Board of Selectmen for their review and comment.
- EDC has met with Richard Serra, new Town Planner for Salem, and is working with him to identify further specific actions we can take to effectively promote Salem as a good place to do business, as well as additional data that we can use to better shape our business recruitment strategy. As an employee of the Southeastern CT Council of Governments, Richard is an ideal source to help us in this important endeavor.
- EDC is working on a strategy to reach out to local businesses in Salem to identify ways in which both EDC and other Salem officials can better support and assist Salem businesses to achieve continued success and perhaps grow their business. We are in the early stages of developing a directory of Salem businesses and identifying areas in town where new businesses might locate.
- EDC is working with the Salem Planning and Zoning Commission to identify areas where we can work together to achieve mutual goals in a proactive manner. Both commissions share a desire to expand the opportunities, where appropriate, to expand businesses already here and attract new businesses to town for the benefit of residents.
- The membership of EDC currently includes three members who run local businesses in town. They all know that starting a new business can be a daunting task. In an effort to offer guidance and information for people considering opening a business, EDC is in the process of developing an informational guideline which will be located on Salem's official web site (www.salemct.org) under the EDC tab. We will inform the town when this new service is available in the coming months.

The above examples are intended to inform residents of the activities of EDC on behalf of the town and its residents. Meetings of EDC are held at 7:00 p.m. on the third Monday of each month (except August, when there is no regular meeting). In cases where the third Monday is a state or federal holiday, the meeting is held on the fourth Monday. The meeting schedule and agendas are posted on the town's official web site. All meetings are open to the public and are usually held in Room 2 of the Town Hall.



SALEM RECREATION DEPARTMENT

By Sue Spang

The Salem Recreation Commission continues to provide quality services to our residents of Salem. Thanks to our dedicated Public Works crew our fields are a great source of pride for us as a commission and for the town. We consistently hear from visitors to our fields how well groomed and maintained they are.

The nature of recreational sports and youth sports in general are constantly evolving. Many sports are going all year long and “elite” teams are appealing to our young athletes for their time and talents. Town recreation departments and recreational sports have needed to adjust to this new reality. Five years ago the Commission put in place a fee schedule for outside use of our fields in response to these changes. This year the Commission received approximately \$7000 for rentals of our facilities. The rental of our fields helps offset the cost of maintenance. It also has the added benefit of bringing visitors into our town that eat at our restaurants, buy gas, and get to see what our quaint rural town has to offer.

The Salem Recreation Commission is the recipient of the generosity of the Salem Lions Club and the Salem Youth Baseball League. Both organizations contributed \$5000 each for the purchase of a scoreboard for the Babe Ruth field. The electrical work has been completed which also includes security lighting for the parking lot. The Commission thanks both organizations for their donation.

Special thanks to Nate Morrow for all his work on the press box at the softball field. Nate replaced the old structure which had seen better days. Congratulations to Nate on his completion of his Eagle Scout project. The Commission has benefited from many Eagle Scout projects in the past and always enjoy working with the young men.

We are very excited about our new park. The commission has been clearing the area at the corner of Hartford Road and Music Vale Road. This area abuts the multipurpose trail and is an enhancement to the trail. Many years ago the field was used to grow corn and hay when it was privately owned. Over the years the invasive species have taken over prohibiting access. We now have a beautiful open area that will provide opportunities for a variety of activities. We look forward to seeing people walking, picnicking, kite flying, cross country skiing, sledding and other outdoor activities.

Last but not least we are very proud of the many Salem students who have been excelling on East Lyme High School's sports teams. Not a season goes by without Salem kids who went through our rec programs being mentioned in the paper as leaders and standouts in their respective sports. Congratulations to all.



FRIENDS OF SALEM LIBRARY

By Carl Nawrocki, President

The Friends of the Salem Library have been busy the last couple of months. In August, we held a “Meet and Greet” to welcome our new Library Director, Rachel Gaither, to Salem. We invited officials and townspeople and provided the refreshments for the event. Rachel immediately started working with the Friends. She helped move books for the Used Book Sale and is helping to plan our upcoming celebrations.

Starting in September, in cooperation with the Law Firm of Chipparone and Zaccaro, P.C., the Friends hosted a three-part Elder Solution Series. Topics

focused on the needs of elders and their children and addressed wills and trusts, where to retire, and how to protect your parents.

For the Friends, the big fall event is our Annual Used Book Sale. Through your support, both in donating and purchasing books, we earned over \$7100. This money will be used to support the Salem Library including adding to the collection and offering programs and services. We owe thanks to many people for the success of this fundraiser. The cooperation from Salem School administration

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and staff make the school, especially the gym, available for the sale. Thanks also to the many volunteers who make the sale possible. Each year, we set up 90+ tables and move 20,000 books from various locations into the gym in less than 5 hours on Friday and then move the leftover books out of the gym in 2 hours on Saturday. But the biggest thanks go to Judy and Norm Rabe who chair the Book Sale committee and to George Ziegler for helping with collecting and sorting throughout the year. The Friends are looking forward to a number of celebrations.

In December of 2014, we are planning a 10th Birthday Party for our “new” Library. The celebration is scheduled for December 6th and features a magician, face painting, cake and coffee, and the ever popular Eight Mile River Band. This band was the first musical group to play at the Salem Library when it opened in 2004. Plan to come to the celebration.

In May of 2015 we celebrate the 25th anniversary of The Friends of the Salem Free Public Library. The Salem Friends were founded in 1990 in den of the Cole-Chu home with Betsy Butts as our first president. Things have really changed. In the early years we did well to raise \$400 at our book sale. While there was little or no space for programs, we helped the library improve services when we could. The Friends purchased the first public access computer in town and bought the software to allow our library to be part of the interlibrary loan system. Today we raise 15 times as much at our used book sale and annually donate \$13,000 to support our library. Friends support to our library is accomplished through the efforts of dedicated volunteers, some of whom have been supporting the library for over 25 years, and through donations of money, books, and time. But it all begins when people become members of the Friends of Salem Library and the Friends need your support to continue our efforts for the next 25 years. Thank you all.



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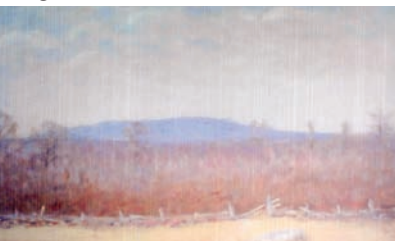
By David H. Wordell, President

In February 2014, a generous gift in memory of Ruth Leiserson Sims, and her husband, Albert G. Sims, together with a matching grant from the MacArthur Foundation, enabled the Salem Historical Society to purchase the oldest known house in Salem (circa 1690). In the early 19th century, this structure served as the seat of the Whittlesey family, founders of Salem’s Music Vale Seminary, a famed early American music school that drew thousands of students from throughout the young nation. Mrs. Sims, a longtime summer resident of brought with them a family heirloom, the Lady Fenwick Harpsichord, believed to be the oldest cultural instrument in the United States. The Whittlesey boys learned to play the harpsichord and displayed an early aptitude for music. The Reverend, inspired by their talents, established a factory for piano keys on their new farm in Salem. Soon, the boys began to manufacture “Whittlesey” piano fortes in Salem. These musical instruments were vastly improved for the time and were highly sought after across the United States. Building on his family’s early success, the Reverend John Whittlesey of Saybrook, for the time and were highly sought after across the United States. Building on his family’s early success,



Present Reverend John Whittlesey House (left) and artist rendering of original Whittlesey House (right)

Photo by Bopha Smith



Painting (c. 1920's) by John W. Hill of southern view from the old Whittlesey house



View from the Whittlesey house wall looking southeast in the early 1950's

Orramel Whittlesey founded the Music Vale Seminary in 1839.

The main objective of today’s Salem Historical Society is to establish a new institution, the Whittlesey Museum at Music Vale, located in the restored and renovated original family home. The new museum will focus on the history of Music Vale, the early formal education of women in the United States, the Whittleseys’ ivory and piano factory in the inaugural years of American industrial expansion, and the significant cultural contributions of Whittlesey descendants, including noted sculptor Bela Lyon Pratt. Curators and academics throughout Connecticut and beyond support the project, including Vivian Zoe, Director of the Slater Memorial Museum in Norwich, who calls the project one of “national stature.”

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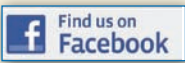


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